

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Wound drainage device for using reduced pressure[[::]] to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source.
2. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling can be selectively connected to a gas compartment and the gas-transformer means.
3. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein a removable inner container is arranged in the vacuum chamber, and the gas-transformer means are in communication with the space between the inner container and a collection container which is positioned in the inner container during operation.
4. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the wound drainage device comprises a modular configuration.
5. (previously presented) Wound drainage device according to claim 4, wherein the modular configuration comprises a two-part housing, at least one gas compartment, a vacuum chamber and a mounting plate having at least the gas-transformer means as components to be assembled.
6. (currently amended) ~~Assembly of a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure~~

~~pressure comprise gas transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source and~~ Wound drainage device according to claim 1, further comprising a collection container for collecting exudate originating from a wound, comprising a flexible receiving container which is in communication with a feed for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container.

7. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 6, wherein the vacuum chamber is provided with an opening, and the collection chamber comprises a cover for closing off the opening.

8. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 7, wherein the cover comprises a closure rim, such that the cover can be positioned on the opening of the vacuum chamber in a unique way.

9. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 8, wherein the closure rim is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

10. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 7, wherein the cover is provided with a closable feed opening for supplying auxiliary substances, which feed opening is in communication with the receiving container.

11. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 10, wherein the feed opening is provided with a septum.

12. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 10, wherein a lid is provided for closing the feed opening again.

13. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 10, wherein a breakable lid is provided for protecting the feed opening.

14. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 6, wherein the feed is provided with a shut-off member, and the receiving container is provided

with a discharge for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge is provided with a shut-off member.

15. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 14, wherein the feed and discharge are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container.

16. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 6, wherein the collection container comprises a filter.

17. (currently amended) **Assembly Wound drainage device** according to claim 6, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter.

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23. (currently amended) **Collection container Wound drainage device** according to claim [[18]] 6, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter.

24. (currently amended) **Collection container Wound drainage device** according to claim [[18]] 7, wherein the cover is provided with a closable feed opening for supplying auxiliaries, which feed opening is in communication with the receiving container.

25. (currently amended) **Collection container Wound drainage device** according to claim 24, wherein a septum is provided in the feed opening.

26. (currently amended) **Collection container Wound drainage device** according to claim 24, wherein a lid is provided for closing the feed opening again.

27. (currently amended) **Collection container Wound drainage device** according to claim 24, wherein a breakable lid is provided for protecting the feed opening.